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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTRIES RESTRICTING
PHILIPPINE IMPORTS

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS SIGNED A LETTER OF INSTRUCTION
BANNING NON-ESSENTIAL OR LUXURY IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES
WHICH HAVE RESTRICTED IMPORTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND
WITH WHICH PHILIPPINES HAS UNFAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE.
LETTER OF INSTRUCTION IS DRAWN UP IN SUCH A WAY AS TO
APPLY TO AUSTRALIA, AND PROBABLY NO OTHER COUNTRY.
PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE SECTOR ARE INCENSED AT
AUSTRALIA FOR ITS HIGH-HANDED TREATMENT OF PHILIPPINES
DURING RECENT TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS ANY BY SUBSEQUENT
UNILATERAL RESTRICTIONS ON PHILIPPINE TEXTILE IMPORTS.

2. TEXT OF LOI 314 IS AS FOLLOWS

" IT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO ME THAT VARIOUS COUNTRIES
WITH WHOM THE PHILIPPINES HAS FOREIGN TRADE HAVE TAKEN
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STEPS TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION OF TRADE IMBALANCES BY

ADOPTING A POLICY OF DISCOURAGING IF NOT DIRECTLY RESTRICTING AND BANNING IMPORTS FOR THE PHILIPPINES RESULTING IN THE DISLOCATION OF OUR FOREIGN TRADE.

YOU WILL SUBMIT TO ME THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ADOPTED SUCH POLICIES AND WITH WHOM WE HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE.

HENCEFORTH, IN VIEW OF OUR EXPECTED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT, NO IMPORTS FROM SUCH COUNTRIES SHALL BE PERMITTED INTO THE COUNTRY OF THE CATEGORIES THAT ARE NON-ESSENTIAL OR LUXURY UNLESS THE IMPORTERS OF SUCH ITEMS INTO THE PHILIPPINES THEMSELVES EARN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE NECESSARY THROUGH EXPORTATION OF GOODS OR SERVICES FROM THE PHILIPPINES BY SUCH IMPORTER.

DONE IN THE CITY OF MANILA, THIS 30TH DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE".

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